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SUBJECT:

Cumulative Security Update for Internet Explorer (MS14-080)

OVERVIEW:

Multiple vulnerabilities have been discovered in Microsoft's web browser, Internet Explorer, which could allow an attacker to take complete control of an affected system. Successful exploitation of these vulnerabilities could result in an attacker gaining elevated privileges on the system. An attacker could then install programs; view, change, or delete data; or create new accounts with full user rights.

THREAT INTELLIGENCE:

This advisory covers fourteen privately disclosed vulnerabilities, which are not currently being exploited in the wild.

SYSTEM AFFECTED:

- Internet Explorer 6
- Internet Explorer 7
- Internet Explorer 8
- Internet Explorer 9
- Internet Explorer 10
- Internet Explorer 11

RISK:

Government:

- Large and medium government entities: **High**
- Small government entities: **High**

Businesses:

- Large and medium business entities: **High**
- Small business entities: **High**

Home users: High

TECHNICAL SUMMARY:

Multiple vulnerabilities were discovered in Internet Explorer due to the way objects in memory are improperly accessed. The vulnerabilities are as follows:

- Ten Memory Corruption Vulnerabilities
- Two Cross-site Scripting (XSS) Filter Bypass Vulnerabilities
- One ASLR Bypass Vulnerability
- One VBScript Memory Corruption Vulnerability

These vulnerabilities could allow an attacker to execute remote code using a specially crafted website. When the website is visited, the attacker's script will run with the same permissions as the affected user. Successful exploitation of these vulnerabilities could result in an attacker gaining elevated privileges on the system. An attacker could then install programs; view, change, or delete data; or create new accounts with full user rights.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The following actions should be taken:

- Apply appropriate patches provided by Microsoft to vulnerable systems immediately after appropriate testing.
- Run all software as a non-privileged user (one without administrative privileges) to diminish the effects of a successful attack.
- Remind users not to click links from unknown sources, or to click links without verifying the intended destination.

REFERENCES:

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<https://technet.microsoft.com/library/security/MS14-080>

CVE:

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